



**AFFILIATED NETWORK SERVICES NPI CONTINGENCY PLAN**

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**NPI Contingency Plan Adoption Statement:**

Affiliated Network Services is officially adopting an NPI Contingency Plan, in accordance with CMS NPI Contingency Guidance and applicable regulations

**Key Contingency Plan Dates:**

ANS will accept/submit, as applicable, the following identifiers in HIPAA electronic transactions, in the manner and for the purposes specified herein:

**For All HIPAA Transactions**

Identifier	Primary Providers (Billing/Pay To; Rendering)	Secondary Providers (Referring, Ordering, Operating, Other)
Legacy ID Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legacy IDs ONLY will continue to be accepted through May 23, 2008</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legacy IDs ONLY will continue to be accepted through May 23, 2008</li> </ul>
NPI+Legacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPI+Legacy started to be accepted May 23, 2005</li> <li>NPI+Legacy will continue to be accepted through May 23, 2008</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPI+Legacy started to be accepted May 23, 2005</li> <li>NPI+Legacy will continue to be accepted through May 23, 2008</li> </ul>
NPI Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPI Only started to be accepted May 23, 2007</li> <li>NPI Only will be REQUIRED Starting May 23, 2008</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPI Only started to be accepted May 23, 2007</li> <li>NPI Only will be REQUIRED Starting May 23, 2008</li> </ul>

Note: for definition of Primary and Secondary Providers see CMS FAQ 6926 - [http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std\\_alp.php?p\\_sid=W7KuMaAi](http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=W7KuMaAi)



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### Key Questions and Answers

<p>How is ANS responding to the CMS NPI Contingency Guidance?</p>	<p>ANS has extended the dual use approach developed by the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) until May 23, 2008. ANS accepts electronic transactions with the NPI and will map the NPI to legacy identifiers for trading partners until they are prepared to accept the NPI. This allows both the providers and payers to comply with the NPI regulations on their own schedule.</p>
<p>If a transaction only contains an NPI, how does ANS determine the appropriate legacy identifiers?</p>	<p>ANS supports a crosswalk methodology that uses the NPI, as well as other provider identifiers, to determine the appropriate legacy identifiers for each payer. Validation of the mappings is ongoing to ensure that accurate information is maintained and communicated. When necessary, corrections are made and communicated among ANS trading partners.</p>
<p>What is the source of NPIs?</p>	<p>ANS has been harvesting NPIs from the electronic transactions processed to develop crosswalks to legacy identifiers. When the dissemination policy is released, the information provided will be used to verify these crosswalks.</p>
<p>Does ANS share NPIs with its trading partners?</p>	<p>Yes, on a reciprocal basis, to expedite the dissemination of NPIs.</p>
<p>How does ANS recommend trading partners test transactions with the NPI?</p>	<p>ANS can create test files containing NPIs for its trading partners. ANS can also receive production transactions with both NPI and legacy identifiers to confirm that transactions are processed as expected when the NPI is included.</p>
<p>Does ANS validate the NPI?</p>	<p>Validation of the NPI is a trading partner option. When validation is requested, ANS confirms that the NPI is a ten digit numeric identifier where the first digit is 1-4 and the tenth digit is a check digit calculated using the Luhn formula for the modulus 10 "double-add-double" algorithm. A valid NPI must meet these three criteria.</p>
<p>What are the timelines and transition requirements for paper claims?</p>	<p>Usage of NPI on paper forms will follow the same schedule as electronic transactions. NPIs should only be sent on the paper claim forms that have been modified to include them.</p>